

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than two and a half million residents aged 60 years or older who richly contribute to our communities; and,

WHEREAS, older adults are members of our communities entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and,

WHEREAS, each community in the United States must strive to recognize, understand, and address the evolving needs of older adults, and support their caregivers; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our communities, promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living, encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others, and providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences; and,

WHEREAS, older adults in our state deserve to be recognized for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Older Americans Month theme, "Age My Way," is an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as **Older Americans Month** in Illinois, and encourage all older adults to connect, create, and contribute to their communities across Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

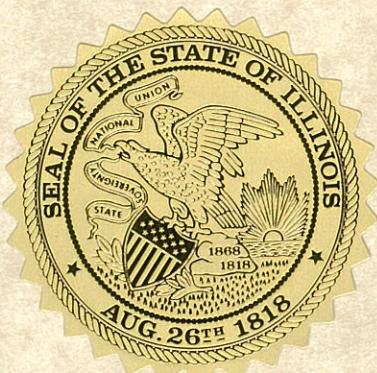
Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this NINETEENTH *day of* APRIL, *in*

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-TWO, *and of the State of Illinois,*

two hundred and FOURTH.



Dee Dee White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR